



TELL IT TO HIM

Howard Collier

When you have trials that seem hard to bear,
And you are pressed with a burden of care,
Jesus can help you to overcome them,
Tell it to Him.

He is the One who can lighten your load,
Brighten your life, and make smoother the
road;
Tell it to Jesus, you who are oppressed,
He knows what's best.

Trials are pressing on every hand,
Many a heartache we can't understand;
But cling to the cross when the trials seem
hard,
And look to the Lord.

Don't be discouraged, whate'er may betide,
For Jesus is willing to comfort and guide;
When you're downhearted, despondent, and
blue,
Think of the cross that He carried for you.

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"The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; . . .
He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small
and great," Psa. 115:12, 13.

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North Florida Camp Meeting November 4-12

The North Florida camp meeting will convene at the local church in Lake City, Fla., Nov. 4-12, inclusive. Opening service will be Saturday night, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p. m. Come bring as many of your people as possible and enjoy this great spiritual feast with us. Rev. E. L. Simmons, our Assistant General Overseer, will be the official convention speaker. Many outstanding and inspiring sermons will be delivered by ministers from all parts of Florida and near-by states. Rev. D. B. Yow, radio evangelist, with his singers, Wrotein Dunn and wife, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will have charge of the night services. Pray that hundreds will find salvation and pray through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—W. E. Johnson, state overseer.

SOLDIER APPEALS FOR PRAYER

(A letter sent in by Mrs. Nettie Dowling, member of the Church of God, Macclenny, Fla., from her son in Service.)

Dear Bud:

How are you these long, weary, hot days? Getting along fine, I hope. As for myself, I am O. K., I guess. Bud, I haven't been homesick but five times in my life and all five times are right now. I would give anything just to see one of the family for only one

minute. It would make me feel so good, I know.

Dolis, you can tell Otis (brother) that he can thank his good Lord he is one of the luckiest boys in the whole world. He just doesn't have any idea what he has missed, so tell him I said for him and everybody else to pray for the rest of us boys over here.

Bud, I don't know whether any of you will know me or not when I get back home, I have changed so much. Well, I tell you, if this war doesn't change everybody I don't think they can be changed.

Bud, tell mother and all the rest I said if they don't hear from me so often not to worry, for over here you have many things to do besides write letters. I would like to tell you where I am and a few things, but you know I'm not permitted to do so.

Dolis, there is one thing I want you and Hazel to do for me and that is, before you go to bed every night get

down on your knees and send up a prayer to the good Lord for us boys over here. If the people back in the States only knew what I do, they all would be down on their knees praying instead of doing what I know they are doing back there.

I have found out one thing and that is, you can't do too much praying. Bud, I am writing this letter to you, thinking it will help you back home. If it doesn't, I can say I've done my best.

Well, I guess I have said enough. Answer real soon and be good until I see you again.

Your brother,
Joe Rhoden.

Some say talk is cheap, but it has cost some people their soul's salvation and has separated husbands and wives, and has divided and separated brothers and sisters in Christ, and robbed many of a peaceful conscience; this kind of talk is not very cheap.



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MAN IS GOD'S DEPENDENCE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

God has decreed the redemption of mankind by the blood of Jesus Christ through the preaching of the gospel. He has further ordained that this gospel must be preached by man.

There is a possibility that God could paint the gospel in the skies so that all the world could read it. He could send an angel flying in the midst of heaven to every nation of earth, proclaiming the gospel of redemption with such strong and impressive voice that the world would fall on their faces and cry for mercy. He could call the world to prayer through signs and wonders in the heavens. He could speak forth Himself with such volume of voice that even the deaf of all the earth could hear Him. He could lift the cover from the bottomless pits of hell and let the world hear the fruitless prayers and cry for mercy of those who are lost. He could swing wide the gates of pearl until all dwellers upon the face of the earth could have a vision of the bliss and glory that awaited them. These things the Lord will not do. They would be contrary to God's universal plan of sending the gospel to the world by the mouth of His ministers.

NOT PREACHED BY ANGELS

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Cornelius had never heard the full gospel, but was honest-hearted and open for the truth. As this good man prayed, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a vision, and said unto him, "Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest

to do. And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa," Acts 10.

Why did not the angel tell Cornelius about Jesus, how He died, arose on the third day, ascended to heaven, sat down at the right hand of God, and about the great outpouring of the Holy Ghost in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost? The angel knew all these things. If he had told Cornelius, this great centurion would have believed it.

Could not God have showed Peter in a vision to go to Cornelius' house in Caesarea just as easily as He showed him to call not the Gentiles unclean, and to go doubting nothing? But this was not in accordance with God's plan. Man must make provision for the gospel to be carried from city to city and from nation to nation. Then man must carry the message.

The angels have their mission and man has his. God gave to man the responsibility of preaching the gospel to every creature. Those to whom man fails to preach the gospel will never hear it. God called Peter to preach the gospel and He would not allow the angel to preach it for him. The men that God has called are depended on to get the gospel to all the world. If we do not preach it, it will never be preached. All that we fail to do that God ordained we should do, will never be done.

NO EXCUSE

To preach the gospel is a full and lifetime job. It requires every ounce of a man's strength. To preach the gospel is not a position of honor, but rather a job of hard work, a job that another cannot do for you. The responsibility of the job depends entirely on the man called. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. When God calls upon man to serve in His army, He is inexcusable. The job must be done, and done by the one whom God has called.

The Lord never accepts excuses for the neglect of duty. When God speaks and calls a man for any particular work, He depends on him to complete the task. Man cannot excuse himself, neither can he beg off from God. Even through the deepest and most sincere repentance, man is not excused.

Jesus relates a story of three men who pledged to follow Him, but all made excuses for extenuation of their duty.

"And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

"And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

"And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," Luke 9:57-62.

The man who asked for more time to go bury his dead father would have been excused by any ordinary person. Even under extraordinary circumstances we would have excused him. But Jesus did not, because the job of preaching the kingdom of God was more important. Jesus said, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God."

The third man who asked for time to go bid his family farewell would have been excused by most any presbyter. But Jesus said unto him, "No man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Since man is God's only dependence to carry the gospel, He does not take no for an answer. He must have men to preach the Word. If you have been called, there is no time to entangle yourself with the affairs of this life.

RELIGION and the WORLD

By the Editor

Germans Shoot Thirty French Priests

A Paris newspaper reports that thirty Roman Catholic priests were shot in the French capitol by German authorities during the German occupation.

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Church Fires

Boston reports that there were 2,800 church fires in the United States during the year of 1942, aggregating a loss of \$5,100,000. What about your insurance?

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Religion at Columbia University

Courses in religion for graduate students will be given during the winter session through the Columbia Extension, according to an announcement made by Prof. Henry Morgan Ayres, Director. Let us hope this is not an attempt to explain away religion.

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German Prisoners Attend Services

A wireless report out of Geneva, according to RNS, states that a Swedish pastor serving with the German war prisoners of Normandy, stated that 90 per cent of the infantrymen attended religious services.

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Dumbarton Oaks Conference

may not have been "dumb" but it is reported that none of the Senators nor the Representatives were allowed to attend. Therefore, only a few know what the American people are committed to as an obligation of peace terms. The conclusions are so far held in "secret."

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The Indispensable Man

There has been quite a lot of talk about the "indispensable man." This is quite unthinkable if it is only the question of a man. What will be found to be really "indispensable" is as to whether men, who may call themselves, and think themselves to be "indispensable," allow God a place within their lives and the program they administer in government. When Israel forsook God, they also forsook them as a nation, and captivity was

the result. Are we at the "cross-roads" where our ideologies may soon prove that we have also, as a nation, forsaken God and sold ourselves into captivity. God is the "indispensable" Ruler of our country. We need to speak a word about bringing back the Lord Jesus Christ into the life and government of our nation.

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A Startling Liquor Comparison

The Evangelical Christian gives us the following report on liquor.

A comparison of the records of crime and drunkenness in the United States for the year 1932, the last prior to repeal, with 1941 the following result appears:

In 1932 there were 831 arrests per 100,000 population for drunkenness.

In 1941 there were 1,716 arrests per 100,000 for drunkenness.

In 1932 there were 65 arrests per 100,000 population for drunken driving.

In 1941 there were 131 arrests per 100,000 for drunken driving.

In 1932 there were 5,900 arrests per 100,000 population for all causes.

In 1941 there were 15,050 arrests per 100,000 for all causes.

If prohibition was a failure in the United States, what is government sale? Since the repeal of the 18th Amendment arrests for drunkenness have increased 106%, arrests for drunken driving 100%, and arrests for all causes 155%, according to Government reports of up to two years ago.

This primer of the ungodly is an astonishing curse to the home, to bread at the table, and the hungry of every nation. It has broken more homes and hearts, and damned more souls and smeared more characters than anything except the gang that makes and sells it.

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159 Chaplain Casualties

Bishop Edwin F. Lee, director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, reported that out of 7,708 chaplains in the Army, 33 have been killed in action, 44 died of wounds, 48 others were wounded, and 34 have been made prisoners of war.

Norwegian Clergy Suffers

Some twenty-five clergymen have been sent to Germany from Norway as prisoners, while about sixteen others remain in a concentration camp near Oslo.

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A Shameful Neglect

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, world president of the Christian Endeavor Union, upon his return from a 36,000-mile trip in the Pacific, reported that less than five per cent of American Service men are receiving letters from pastors. This is a sad and shameful neglect.

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Reconciliation Needed

That we fight for "four freedoms," one of which is "freedom of worship," and that Communism is anti-Christian in polity, how are we to reconcile the release of Earl Browder from prison, with the best interest of religious freedom. If this can be done, however, then how do you account for the fact that when his wife, Mrs. Browder, who had been deported from the United States because of subversive activities, and who made an appeal some months ago for re-entry into the United States, at which time "two visa committees turned her down," according to Chattanooga Free Press, and the State, War, and Navy departments also protested the re-entry into this country of such a dangerous alien, still, September 8, the President's personal board gave her a visa in Montreal? It would seem there is a need for clarification of such action.

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The Call to Evangelism and What Is Required of the Called

Paul H. Walker

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In our last article we called your attention to the sixteenth chapter of Mark, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In this article I wish to study with you Paul's charge to Timothy. There is no force so propelling in God's great economy as that of the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and women. They who are dedicated to God are not always seeking the interests of self but of Him who died for them. This is exemplified in the sainted Apostle Paul, therefore he said, "Follow me as I follow Christ." Paul not only wanted to know the power of His resurrection but also the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS. I wonder where we, I say WE, stand in this light. It can only be realized by those who can sing from the depth of the heart and soul, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or plain or sea. I'll say what you want to me say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be." Oh, what a blessed personal relationship!

Please visualize a great man of God, humble, meek, submissive, tender and loving—Paul it is. He sits in prison—a damp, dirty, lonely, secluded cell. Yes, but God meets with His people, even there. A sainted prisoner once said, "Jesus came into my cell this morning and every cold, slimy, stone shone like a ruby." Yes, and there is going to be a pay-off in the morning when the saints are gathered home and we tell the story SAVED BY GRACE.

Paul, who was imprisoned because he preached the gospel, wrote to his beloved son in the Lord, Timothy (2 Tim. 4:1), "I charge thee therefore before God." Here Paul calls God to witness and this makes it serious business. It's hard to squirm out of such a call as this. You men working in the factories, who have left the call of God, had better renew your covenant and get in the harness for the Lord. Souls might be required at your hands if God has called you. God called you and you have to answer that call in some manner. LOOK! the fields are white unto harvest.

"I charge thee before the Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ is also called to witness. This was a solemn occasion for Timothy. Paul was in prison for doing the very thing he is asking Timothy to do, and besides that, Paul is charging him before God and Jesus Christ. To make it more impressive, Paul says, "Who shall judge the quick and the dead." No way to get out of it for He will judge the quick (living) and the dead (ones passed on). So whether we are dead or alive, the call of God will meet us and we shall give an account as to how we treated that call. To make it still more effective Paul said "at his appearing and his kingdom." At this time I want to bring in the sheaves for Him, because of hearing the call to tell of His love and because I loved Him well enough to fulfill my duty to that call. I do not regret my service for God. Men who were in sin heard the gospel through His humble servant and are now preaching and singing this glad story in the North, East, West, and South, and, my, how it makes our hearts glad! I must be true to my calling of Him, He is the rewarder. Blessed be His name!

So all of God's ministers are "CHARGED BEFORE GOD AND JESUS CHRIST, WHO SHALL JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD AT HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM." Charged to do what? "Preach the Word." Never on earth was there such a need as the preaching of the WORD. How hearts are hungry for it, starving for it, begging for it, crying for it. Brethren, let us study the WORD and preach the WORD. We are charged before God and the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the Word. Let me assure you that when the Word is preached and believed, men will have a hope everlasting.

"Be instant in season, out of season" or be zealous at all times to do His biddings. These things are required of the CALLED OF GOD.

"Reprove," which means to convince, admonish. I believe this is to be seasoned with love and gentleness.

Some, however, had rather use the full strength of the word because of advantage, and make it to read, berate, scold, etc. We might ask ourselves in this instance, What would Jesus do?

"Rebuke"—a sharp reproof, reprimand. We should seek the will of God in this matter. To rebuke one out of order might kill his spirit and so break his heart that it would never be healed again. Some may be wrong yet honest in their actions. These are not to be rebuked but dealt with gently. Then there are those who are self-willed, rebellious, and are not willing to do the right, and a rebuke might be the very thing that would awaken them. We must remember we are charged before God and we must know what God requires of us who are called.

"Exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." This means to encourage, to use the utmost patience as a teacher of the Word. Some pride themselves in the number they turn out of the church, and may even be overjoyed to tell of how they cleaned the church up. Such methods generally allow a man to stay in as pastor about a year, or perhaps two, and then he hunts another place and has another house-cleaning, as he calls it. This is not to reflect on the man who stays only one year but we must admit that "wisdom is justified of her children." It's better to have a passion for souls and save them for the church than to have an urge to show a strong hand and cast them out. Again we must remember we are charged before God and have a calling and we must realize what is required of us. "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." This constitutes more than preaching at or to a few individuals whom we feel might not just measure to our way of thinking. It covers those principles established on the records of truth sealed with the blood of Jesus. The standards of holiness must be held up. The Church, in its Biblical setting as that body bought with blood (Acts 20:28), must be supported. The Church, as a visible organic in-

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The writer has always held that the official magazine of a religious organization is not the proper place for a minister to air his private doctrines. It is, rather, the channel through which the organization conveys to its membership, friends, and to the world at large, the great doctrines of the Church. And, of course, its testimonies, comforts, and the news and activities of the church body.

A preacher once said, "The minister may have his doubts in his study, but never in the pulpit." There he must be a positive dynamo of God's great truths. But there are vital doctrinal points on which we do not see alike. We all agree that the Lord heals the sick, but are not always in accord as to His method. We all agree that our Lord is coming again, to catch His waiting bride away, but there is some difference as to when, and as to who will be taken when He does come. There is a wide diversity of opinion as to just whom or what the ten virgins represent, found in the story given in our text—Matt. 25:1-13.

Hence, the purpose of this article is not to cram down your throats and force you to swallow the writer's opinion, but rather to touch upon some of the great truths found herein, and inspire you to a new determination to hold fast to the end. "For behold he cometh, and all his holy angels with him."—"And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with POWER and GREAT GLORY. And he shall send his angels with a GREAT SOUND of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24:30, 31. Amen! Even so, COME, Lord Jesus!

There are those who hold that the virgins represent the Jewish nation; others, that it is those with the Holy Ghost and those without. We will not enter into that controversy. Certain it is that these virgins WENT FORTH TO MEET THE BRIDEGROOM. And also it is certain that the Lord closed this particular portion of His Olivet discourse by drawing this lesson—"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the SON OF MAN COMETH," Matt. 25:13.

So I feel that we are safe in concluding that, whatever other lessons the Lord may have meant to convey, or to whom, He certainly is talking to those who would be living in the end time, that glorious last generation hour in

The Great MIDNIGHT CRY . . .

which a happy, Holy-Ghost-filled people are dressing for the wedding in the air, and are lifting up their eyes and REJOICING, for their redemption draweth nigh! And He is conveying to them a solemn warning to be watchful and not sleep. For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Now let us examine the lesson. "Ten virgins, which took their lamps, and WENT FORTH TO MEET THE BRIDEGROOM." At the turn of the century a great stirring came among the religious peoples of the earth. All great existing Protestant movements have their famous founders, their John Wesleys, their Alexander Campbells, their Calvins; but this world-wide, Holy Ghost outpouring had no founder, save Christ! Simultaneously throughout the Christian nations of the earth spontaneous Holy Ghost revivals broke out. In the short period from 1900 to 1910 in England, in Canada, in various sections of the United States, in Germany, the missions of India and China, in South America and Australia, a strange rumbling was heard, which rose into a roar, like the approaching of a great storm. And the audible voice above the shouts of praise was that men and women were being filled with the Holy Ghost, and speaking with other tongues, even as on the day of Pentecost. And as they rose to their feet, their lamps burning with a holy light and newly found joy, they prophesied in the Spirit and spake with tongues and interpreted; and the message of their prophecies was, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him!" And everywhere men and women put on the garments of holiness, took their lamps and went forth to meet the Bridegroom!

The movement swept the world, until the holiness people were numbered by the millions. Today it is estimated that no less than twenty millions of people have been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

And the message of this world-sweeping revival was and is the soon return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thousands of new songs have

been written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming His soon return, and millions of voices lift in joyous song and shout, "Oh, our Lord is coming back to earth again!" Hundreds of books have been written, each proclaiming and proving by scripture and rapidly fulfilling prophecy that indeed the hour of His coming is upon us. And the Holy Ghost witnesseth within us that it is so.

BUT, Verse 5, "While the Bridegroom TARRED, they all slumbered and slept." According to our Lord's prophecy here, the Bridegroom did not come as soon as they expected, and the five foolish virgins slept. Correct? No! They ALL slumbered and slept!

The writer was preaching along this line one night in a Midwestern revival. Dramatically I cried over and over, "Beloved, awake, you are ASLEEP! You are ASLEEP! YOU ARE ASLEEP AND DON'T KNOW IT!" A long, gawky mountaineer was actually asleep, and as I paused for the words to sink in, he chose that moment of awed silence to awake, stretch his long arms over his head, and yawn loudly, "A-W-W-W-W--w-w-uh!" Then he promptly fell asleep again. I trust that none of you will find yourselves in this poor man's shoes when the great midnight cry rings forth, BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH, in that last great trumpet warning to the church, and will be too indifferent to GO FORTH TO MEET HIM, but will, like this man, promptly fall asleep again.

We were in a revival in a large tabernacle in a great Midwestern city, where a woman came to us with the story of a striking vision she had just had. In the vision she entered the tabernacle and walked down one of the long aisles. At first she thought she had arrived early, for there was no one there. Then she beheld that the tabernacle benches were full, but everyone was lying down, fast asleep.

By J. W. Archer

She walked to the front of the building and beheld hundreds of people lying around the altar as if they had all fallen asleep or fallen under the power of the Spirit. She recognized many by their clothing as being among the most Spirit-filled people attending the revival, among them Sister Archer. She went to Sister Archer to shake her. But when she touched the clothing they just crumbled. The clothing lay as if containing a body, but the body was gone. In awesome fear she went from one to another and found the same condition. The Lord had come and taken them, while the great portion of the congregation slept in their seats!

That is what convinced John when hurrying to the tomb after receiving news of the Lord's resurrection. He followed Peter into the tomb—"and saw and believed!" What did he see that brought the great conviction of truth into his heart that indeed the Lord was risen? The preceding verses say that Peter entered the tomb first and "seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin that was about His head not lying with the linen clothes, but WRAPPED TOGETHER in a place by itself." John 20:6-8. "Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre (John), AND HE SAW, AND BELIEVED."

It was the condition of the grave cloth, not all unwrapped from around the body, but still lying as if it were wrapped round and round the body. And where the head had rested lay the napkin, "not lying with the linen clothes," but "in a place by itself," and "wrapped together"!

The Lord's body had been lifted right out of the linen clothes and head napkin and left the clothing still wrapped as if they contained the body! But, "He is not here: for He is risen,—come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6. No wonder Mary didn't recognize Him. He had left His earthly garments behind and was clothed in heavenly gowns. So shall be the coming of our Lord! These old earthly rags on which we bestow so much pride and care will be left where we happen to be when the Lord comes, and we will put on the wedding garments of the air! "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For



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this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Surely we do not wish to be found in indifferent sleep when He comes, do we? for, "unto them that LOOK FOR HIM shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28.

What did they do while the bridegroom tarried? They slumbered and slept! That is, they grew indifferent. They lost the zeal of that great hope of His soon coming. They let down on their impetuous zeal for Christ, and relaxed from their holy living. They let the oil burn out and didn't keep their vessels filled. They eased up on their old faith in Christ as their healer and turned back to medicine and doctors, after having once determined to trust Him unto death. They no longer prayed as they once prayed. The joy is largely gone, and no longer does a burning yearning for lost souls consume them. The message of His very soon coming lost its exhilarating uplift—they had heard it all so often before, and He had not come.

From about 1915 to 1935 a vast flood of books were printed and sold dealing with the second coming of our Lord. Prophetic evangelists toured the nation holding prophecy revivals and filling large auditoriums with the one theme—The Soon Coming of Our Lord. Prior to 1900 most of our Christian world were postmillennialists. That is, they believed we would finally create a world of peace, usher in the millennium, and then after that glorious thousand years of peace on earth,

our Lord would come. But the new message of the Holy Ghost, "Behold he cometh," reached into all denominations, until today even the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc., are divided into two great camps—the Modernists and the Fundamentalists. The Fundamentalists believe the Lord is soon to return again, and the Modernists, having rejected that glorious truth, don't believe much of anything! Not even the virgin birth, the resurrection nor the divinity of Jesus.

And while none of the more intelligent of these writers attempted to set the date of His return, they were in almost unanimous agreement that it could not possibly be later than 1936! These conclusions were based on "time prophecy," world conditions such as the great falling away, the supposed time prophecies of the pyramids, etc. But He did not come, did He? He delayed His coming! And what has been the result? A very evident slacking of interest in "second coming" books and sermons. The Roman Empire did, in some sense, revive, but fell again, and our favorite antichrist, Mussolini, passed ignominiously out of the picture. There is a vast decrease in the number of "second coming" books, and the prophetic evangelists now preach to numerous empty seats. The virgins, representing the millions of Holy Ghost people who have watched and prepared so intently, are falling asleep. (A woman in prophecy represents a religious movement; the virgins, a holy movement; the harlot, an unholy religious movement.) What else did they do while the Bridegroom tarried?

In their semi-backslidden and indifferent spiritual condition they became quarrelsome, and began to abuse, criticize and fuss with their fellow church members.

Matt. 24:10, "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." What a horrible picture, and yet it is regrettable to have to state that this is as true a picture of many church people today (supposedly filled with the Spirit) as if it had been written yesterday.

"And then shall many be offended." People filled with the Holy Ghost are not easily offended! Psa. 119:165, "Great peace have they that love thy law; and NOTHING SHALL OFFEND

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Through the North Gates With Our First Love

Mrs. Lindsay Davis

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city."

"On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me.

"Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." (Revelation)

Perhaps offhand it may seem strange to link these scriptures. However, some years ago I heard a wonderful message on "The Gates of the City of Heaven," which made a lasting impression. The eastern gates were portrayed as being for those who leave this world in the springtime of youth. Our babies who leave us, our fair-haired youth, all go in at the eastern gates. The western gates were for those who leave here after their "threescore years and ten," just as the sun sets at the end of a long day. The southern gates were for those easy-going Christians who take life in a droll way. If it is convenient for them to attend church, well and good; if not, they are content to stay at home. But the northern gates, how different! They were for those hardy Christians, typical of the rugged north lands; those willing to "pay the price" and "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). When they enter the north gates they can say with Paul, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Gal. 6:17). Persecutions, afflictions, weariness and painfulness, hunger and thirst, poverty; all these are but the marks of the Son of God, "for ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

In meditating upon the subject of the "gates" recently, the thought suggested itself that our admission through those gates will be dependent on our loyalty to our first love. If we are to have the escort of the Master

Lover through the gates into the city, we must be true to Him.

Jesus said to the Church of God: "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE."

What was our "first love"? The "Son of man" who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." He was our "First Love." We did not quit wearing our jewelry because of any church rules against it, but because of our regard for our "First Love." We did not wear our dresses a decent length because the Church board told us to, but because we wanted to please our "First Love." We did not wear our hair long because of some set of rules against short hair, but because our "First Love" told us it was "our glory" (1 Cor. 11:15).

And yet, we find in the Church of God today women who are pining for our rules to be modified so they can wear their wedding rings; women who will cut their hair as short as they can, without being caught, in order to get a "permanent"; women who wear their dresses so short that when they go to the altar to pray for sinner folk, the only way one can keep from seeing "bare knees" is to shut their eyes. And yet we like to be called "holiness" folk.

The Lord was not talking to the heathen when He said: "I have somewhat against thee." It was to the Church of God. Folk do not have to be radical or fanatical on the dress subject to be Biblical. I have often thought of my own experience, when I hear folk make such flimsy excuses for their manner of dress. For years I worked in an office where I met the best kind of people, but they were worldly. I never saw the time I could

not meet with them, as well-dressed as any, and respected, and at the same time I could have stepped into the most radical holiness meeting and not have been criticized about my dress. The Bible says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men" (Phil. 4:5), but He was speaking specifically to the women when He said: "that they be in behaviour AS BECOMETH HOLINESS" (Titus 2:3).

Methinks when we go sweeping through the north gates to the New Jerusalem, on the arm of our "First Love," that the gold we do without down here on our fingers will be nothing to compare with the "streets of gold" we will walk on up there; the fancy clothes we do without down here, for His sake, will be as nothing when we see the "robes of white" He has prepared for us up there; and the hair adornments we thought so pretty down here will sink into oblivion when we see our "crown of righteousness" laid up for us up there.

What a privilege it is to be true to our "First Love" down here; not because we have to, but because we want to; to just love Him "because He first loved us," (1 John 4:19).

A Wonderful Savior to Me

SALT GAP, Tex.—I am a member of the Church of God. The sweet Holy Ghost abides in my soul. He is a wonderful Savior to me. I was very sick with flu, pleurisy and an abscessed lung, but by the prayers of the saints and the healing power of Jesus I am up and going about again.

I have spent seventy years of trials and sorrows and the road has been rough and steep so much of the way, but Jesus has been with me all along life's journey. Through the dark shadows He lights the way, for His Holy Word has been a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I am happy in Jesus for I know the time is approaching when He will call His redeemed ones to meet Him in the air. Pray for me.—Mrs. Sarah E. Cheek.

What Does Sanctified Mean?

First, it means holy. Holy means something clean and pure. Second, it means to dedicate; that is, to do away with everything that's not like God, and be fully surrendered to God's guidance. Then, when we read the precious Bible and find our lives don't quite measure up to it, that is when we know whether we are sanctified and submitted to His guidance or not. If we are, it's our pleasure to ask God's forgiveness and to sanctify us that we might be able to overcome whatever it is, which, of course, means to separate us from whatever it might be. Therefore, to be sanctified is to become more like Christ in spirit, and we have to be willing to let God lead us instead of man or human nature. Also, it means something to stay sanctified, for we can't lay down something long enough to get sanctified and then go back to doing the old thing over again. Sanctification won't return evil for evil. It makes you pray for your enemy and love everybody. Friends, if we can't do this, and it comes from our hearts, we are far from right, for He looks on the heart and not on how we look or how we dress, or how pretty we are. Praise God, it's the heart, and if He's in your heart, you'll look holy on the outside, too.

You say, "Well, I can live without being sanctified." Yes, and you'll displease God too. We read in the 17th chapter of St. John where Christ was praying for His disciples. He prayed thus,—"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." You may have trod many a prayer under your feet, but you'd better not go on heedless to Christ's prayer. 1 Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Heb. 13:12, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Christ suffered that you and I might be sanctified with His own blood, so why go on any longer unsanctified? 1 Thess. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you

Mrs. Eula Mae Thames

wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Friends, if you deny sanctification, you are trying to make Christ and His Word a liar. Read 2 Thess. 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." So if you'll get sanctified good, you can understand and believe God's Word when you read it. Christ didn't say one thing and mean another, He meant for all of us to believe alike. Eph. 5:26, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." So according to this verse, we are not clean if we are not sanctified. There are too many little things that we are not willing to give up unless we are sanctified.

If Jesus should come now, would He find you doing His will? You say, "What is His will?" God's Word will answer your question correctly. 1 Thess. 4:3, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." How can you doubt that and still be a Christian? You say, "What is sanctification?" Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance

among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." These words were spoken by Jesus Christ. Don't you want to be turned from Satan's power unto God, and be able to understand God's Word by the revealing of the Spirit? Then take God at His Word and believe on Him. Read 2 Chron. 30:3, 8, "For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the Lord your God that the fierceness of his wrath may turn from you." God's wrath is being poured out upon this world today because of disobedience. You had better humble self before God and accept sanctification, like the Bible says. It's time and high time that we awake and take God's Word as it is. If we will please God, we will see things change. May God help America to awake.

Rev. 22:18, 19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." May God help us to understand this danger and accept God's ways.

NUNS VISIT AT U. S. EXPENSE

That seventeen Roman Catholic nuns of South America have been brought to the United States at Government expense and under auspices of the State Department to take up studies in our hospitals, is a fact brought out in a dispatch by the Religious News Service of Atlanta, Ga.

The State Department tries to mitigate this connection between Roman Catholicism and the State Department by saying that the nuns are here as social and not religious workers. Nevertheless, the fact remains that they wear the regalia of a religious order of a church that for

centuries has been mixed up in the cabalas and machinations of international politics, has backed the enemies of the democracies in this war, has been Fascist since World War I. Although, because the Vatican has backed the losing side in this war and now is carrying on worldwide propaganda to deny that it is or ever was Fascist, all students of the problem know that the evidence is overwhelming to convict the Pope and his rulers, the Jesuits, of being Fascist to the core.

It is now the nuns of this same church which the State Department
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MORE ABOUT THE TERRIBLE FLOOD IN MEXICO

The following is from a letter just received from Brother Hargrave:

"Dear Brother in the faith of our Lord Jesus: I found it necessary to go immediately and visit Oaxaca in order to help our brothers there. I found them without a church, without homes, clothes, and food; in other words, without a town. All that can be seen everywhere is destruction, ruins, and desolation. Do you remember what a beautiful church they had? It is now only a heap of bricks and sand. The waters of the Papaloapan River overflowing their banks have taken everything; but, thank God, only a few brothers were drowned. All along the river desolation exists and, naturally, it affected our brothers more than the others.

"Tomorrow I am leaving again for those places, taking clothes and other things to help those who have been hurt, and they are many. In this section alone there are more than a thousand brothers affected. What has happened is indescribable. Later I shall send you some pictures I took of those places and I shall give you more details later.—*Vessie Hargrave.*"

TORNADO IN JAMAICA

We have had a number of letters from Jamaica. Following is a quotation from one of them:

"On the 20th of August a great hurricane swept the Island. Thousands and thousands are now left homeless. Our Government has been busy distributing food and shelter, such as tents.

"Speaking for St. Ann, as a parish pastor for the Church of God, I can say we have suffered very badly. There are approximately two thousand people homeless in this one parish. As for the churches, four of the buildings were smashed up and we do not know how and when they will be rebuilt, for even their cultiva-

tion and fruit trees were destroyed.

"Other religious bodies are making plans to help the unfortunate, and feel that we should do our part. We are organizing a fund called the "Storm Relief Fund." We are asking our brethren to contribute to this fund. Anything will be appreciated, such as used clothing for men, women, boys and girls. If you do not have the above mentioned things, and if God speaks to your heart, a few dollars will help.

"Some of our church people are leaving tomorrow morning on a sixty-mile journey, by foot, in order to obtain some help, and then may not get any."

I am wondering if some of you would not like to send USED CLOTHING to either Mexico or Jamaica. The Mexican Government has, in the past, allowed us to send used clothing duty free, and the British Consul in Washington D. C., cabled the governor of Jamaica and he has given us permission to send used clothing to Jamaica free of duty for the relief of the members of our church who suffered in the above mentioned hurricane. Any one desiring to send used clothing may send them to the Church of God Foreign Mission Department, Cleveland, Tennessee; or, if you can get enough for a reasonable size box, write us and we shall give you directions for shipping direct to either place.

Any contribution to alleviate the suffering among our people will be appreciated.—*Mission Secretary.*

SPECIAL ATTENTION SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MISSIONARIES

We had a suggestion recently from Sister Jane Hoggatt, wife of the assistant overseer of Guatemala, that I am sure all of our boys and girls in the Armed Services, as well as friends of the Church, will be interested in; and, of course, all returning missionaries will be interested. She suggested

that, "Each of you coming from a foreign country bring along a few curios, native pictures, tapestries, textiles, pottery, etc., anything that you think people would like to see," for the purpose of furnishing an interesting little museum in connection with the Foreign Mission Department of our Bible Training School and College in Sevierville, Tennessee. Possibly a number of our boys who have already returned would have something of interest along this line. If so, please contact the Church of God Mission Department, Cleveland, Tennessee, and we shall be glad to assist you in getting it to the right place. Even a small collection of this kind would be interesting to those studying missions, as well as many others.

We have many missionaries now who are on foreign soil that are not being paid by the Mission Board. We are continuously receiving word from some of the boys in the Armed Services that they have been in a prayer meeting or revival. Then we get letters from others in foreign countries that have come in contact with our boys, and have been so impressed by their godly lives that they wish to know more about the Church of God. It may be of interest to some to know that we have a small collection in the mission office now, of little articles that your Mission Secretary has brought in from his traveling. In case there are duplicates of items donated for the school, we shall appreciate having the overflow or "the crumbs" to add to our collection here.

Thank you, Sister Hoggatt, for this suggestion. I am sure it will bring good results.

Saving souls or leading people to Christ in any land is missionary work. There is no such thing to God as a foreign field. One field is as near to Him as another. Every Christian should feel himself to be a missionary, and go to work for God wherever he chances to be.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body; my son overseas who is unsaved.—Mrs. Dottie Merritt, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.

My sister to be healed of heart trouble, dropped stomach and pellagra; another sister who is in the state hospital to be mentally healed.—Mrs. P. G. Baker, Crossland, Ga.

The healing of my body; my boys in Service who are overseas.—Mrs. E. C. Hardy, Box 784, Manatee, Fla.

My healing, I have been suffering a long time.—Nora Johnson, 210 Arch St., Salisbury, Md.

My son overseas; another son who was once a Church of God minister.—Mrs. J. R. Davenport, Rt. 1, Box 56, Carters, Ga.

The healing of my mother of gall bladder trouble, she is very weak; me.—Mrs. J. B. Wynn, Rt. 3, Alma, Ga.

My children and brother.—Mrs. B. M. Franklin, Toccoa, Ga.

God to save and heal my daughter, Daphen Pasley, Calhoun, Ga., of nervousness.—Mrs. E. C. Adcock, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

Me to be healed of some kind of head trouble; my boys in Service.—Mrs. Jessie Ray, Rt. 3, Oliver Springs, Tenn.

The healing of my body, it seems sometimes I have gone as far as I can; my children and husband.—Mrs. Lola M. Chambliss, Vincent, Ala.

The healing of my body, I am very sick and alone, with no one to depend on. Pray God will undertake for me in my getting someone to stay with me.—Belle Powell, Rt. 3, Russell Springs, Ky.

My son in Service who is expecting to be sent overseas; my son-in-law in France.—Mrs. Stella Biesecker, Rt. 4, Lexington, N. C.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Maude Marcum, 127 Austin Ave., Beckley, W. Va.

My son in the Camp Blanding, Fla., hospital to be healed, a truck ran over his stomach a year ago and injured his spine; my afflicted child to be healed, he is eight years old and can't talk.—Mrs. Joe Drew, 612 7th St., Lumberton, N. C.

God to heal me of a bad sore limb.—Mrs. John Byrd, Rt. 2, McCall Creek, Miss.

Me to be healed of a head and stomach trouble; my daughter.—Mrs. L. A. Wright, Rockmart, Ga.

God to undertake for my husband and me.—Mrs. Lamonte, Michigan.

God to undertake for my two sons and husband, my oldest son is sick and unsaved.—Ettie Meece, Somerset, Ky.

My unsaved son in the Service.—Mrs. D. G. Bozeman, Red Bay, Ala.

God to undertake for me and my family.—Mrs. W. D. Richardson, Rt. 1, Box 125, Johnson City, Tenn.

My son, Cpl. Rufus Leslie Raulerson, 34545909, c/o Sta. Hosp., Camp Campbell, Ky., to be healed, he has had an operation.—Mrs. D. B. Raulerson, Baldwin, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Dessie Morris, Rt. 2, Talladega, Ala.

Our son in France, the last letter we received from him was Sept. 7.—John C. Huck.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Lillian Bryant, Cleveland, Tenn.

My husband to be saved and healed of a heart ailment; my body to be healed; my son to be healed of a heart ailment.—Mrs. John J. Howe, 106 Hunt St., Greenville, Miss.

My healing, I have something like arthritis in my legs; my husband to be healed; my grandbabys healing.—Betty Shaw, Rt. 1, Box 103, Duncan, Ariz.

The healing of my body; my daughter's eyes and body to be healed.—Francis Lett, Rt. 1, Box 136 E, Shaw, Miss.

Ottis Peak to be saved and healed of kidney trouble; me; my brother-in-law and nephew who are in the Navy.—Mrs. Lena Peak, Rt. 1, Foxworth, Miss.

My husband who is in a serious condition with several different ailments; my brothers in Service, one has been wounded in action.—Ethel Smith, Rt. 2, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

My mother and dad; me and my husband; my brother in Service.—Mrs. Marvin Simes, Independence, La.

Our little boy who has bad tonsils to be healed.—Annie Lee Childress, State Road, N. C.

My daughter who is about to lose

her eye; my son in the Navy.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, Rt. 2, St. George, W. Va.

My husband in the Navy; me.—Mrs. Robert Davis, Rt. 1, Duff, Tenn.

The healing of my head and body and that my needs will be supplied.—Miss Dair Crawford, c/o Ola McCue, Rt. 3, Easley, S. C.

In Need of Prayer

I am asking in God's name for prayer, for I am sick, and the heavenly Father has healed me and helped me where others have failed. I have been sick for over four years. I was slowly gaining back to health when I had a setback about seven months ago. I feel if others will pray for me I will be healed. I have only one lung and I have a spinal trouble. My throat draws and hurts and I have a dropped stomach and my food doesn't digest right. My heart has a dull ache and my nerves are bad. Please pray for me and send me encouragement and an anointed cloth.

Also pray for my mother who is sick, and my father who has asthma and bad nerves. Pray for my two sisters, one not long ago had to have her appendix removed and it left her nerves and heart in a bad condition. Pray for my three little brothers. Pray that all of our family will be saved and live closer to God.—Marie Brunner (no address given).

I thank God for His mercy which He showed toward my daughter who was seriously injured by being hit by a speeding automobile. She was knocked several feet and was thought to be dead, but praise God, He has spared her to yet be here with us. The prayers of all the saints are still requested for this case.—Elder Fred Crider, evangelist, Box 53, Moscow, Ohio.

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Reports from the Field

I Have Not Given Up the Battle

TOCCOA, Ga.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord everywhere, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the dear Lord for all He has been to me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost a little over twenty-six years ago. Though I have not lived as close to Him at all times as I should, I am still praying and trusting God to carry me through. I have never given up the battle and I never intend to, by His help and grace.

My heart is sad and lonely as my dear companion has left me and gone to glory. It doesn't seem like I can stand it sometimes. Only those who have gone through with what I have really know what it is to give up a good companion. I can't bring him back but I can go to him. He was a member of the Church of God, also a minister. He loved everybody. When this troublesome life is over I am expecting to meet my dear one on the other side, where we'll never have to part anymore.

Please pray for me for I do need more help from the Lord. I love the Lord and know He loves me. I want to keep working for Him and do His will until He says it is enough. May the Lord bless everyone who reads this. If you are a sinner, please give your heart to Jesus before it is too late, for He is soon coming. Pray for a real friend of mine, Sister Lola Bell Moss; she is a Christian girl.—Mrs. G. W. Price, Box 61.

What God Can Do

MAYO, Fla.—I thank and praise God for His healing virtue, for I know it is real. My little girl was taken seriously sick one Monday at school. Her fever ran high; she grew worse. We took her to a hospital. Wednesday afternoon they took a blood test. The doctor said she had infection somewhere but he did not know where. Thursday, late in the afternoon, he came in, sat down and said, "You have a very sick child and I am almost sure she has spinal meningitis; her neck is stiff." They gave her some medicine and fluid in her vein. The nurse said, "I will have the arm board in here; it will be needed here next." But thanks be to the Lord, it was not needed for her any more. I had fasted

most all day Wednesday and Thursday. My husband and I both fasted and prayed. At ten o'clock her fever was 104 degrees. We still held on to the Lord. About eleven o'clock the Lord healed her. At twelve o'clock the nurse came in again and took her temperature, which had gone down two degrees. At daylight or a little later her fever was all gone. The doctor came in about ten o'clock and looked her over, and said, "Little girl, you are well." He took another blood test, and said, "You can go home." This is what the Lord can and will do for His people. Pray for us.—Mrs. Adell Land.

God Can and Will Do Wonderful Things

MT. PARK, Okla.—I praise God for His healing power. I almost had pneumonia sometime ago and didn't have anyone to pray for me. I thought I felt too bad to pray but as the pains grew worse I laid the good old Evangel on my body in the name of the Lord, anointed my chest and sides with olive oil, and began to pray, and praise God, my heavenly Father touched my body and I got out of bed the next morning. The pain and misery was all gone. Praise be to God. I give Him all the glory for it.

Oh, dear readers, I tell you, God can and will do wonderful things for us if we will only let Him. The Lord has been my Healer ever since I have been saved, over ten years ago, and He has never failed me yet. Praise the Lord! Oh, I could tell of many times that God has come to our rescue. God has healed our bodies when people didn't believe it could be done. Of course, after God healed us they thought we were not very sick to start with. I have had many people to tell me, "Oh yes, I certainly believe in prayer but there are some things that He just can't do, such as operating on people, and things like that." Dear friends, you just do not know what God can do until you give Him a chance. If you will give Him your soul and body, too, He can make a strong believer out of you. Thank God, He can do all things. In His Word He says there is nothing impossible with Him. Praise the Lord. This world may change but He will never; His power is the same yesterday, today, and for-

ever. Oh, I am so proud I one time found Jesus precious to my soul and I do love to talk and praise His wonderful name above everything else. I think if ever there was a time we need to look to Jesus and be saved and stay saved, it is now in these dark times. We do not know when Jesus will come or call for us. Oh, my heart goes out to the many, many souls in these days who have turned their backs on God and are enjoying lustful things of this world when they could be living beautiful lives for Jesus. Friends, let's pray as we have never prayed before, and ever be obedient to God, and be humble where He can use us in some way to bring these precious souls to Christ. Let us pray for the many brokenhearted mothers and their loved ones overseas and really pray and pray for the many one-time pretty young girls who could have been precious jewels in the hands of the Lord who are giving their virtuous lives and throwing themselves away.

Well, I certainly love the Evangel and Lighted Pathway but the precious Bible most of all, and the good true Church of God and its teachings.—Mrs. Mary Lemaster, Rt. 2.

Wonderfully Blessed the Past Year

CALLAHAN, Fla.—The Church of God at Callahan sounds a note of praise for what God has done for us the past year. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in a great way. We have a nice Church of God here and the saints are on fire for God and have a great desire to work harder for God than ever. We also have a nice Sunday School and Y.P.E. We have from twenty-five to thirty-five in Sunday School. It is growing. Remember us in prayer, that God will bless in every department of the church and that souls will be saved from a life of sin.—Mrs. J. H. Wells.

REVIVALS

CLANTON, Ala.—A great revival just closed at Zion Ridge church. The church was revived as a whole in a great way. Twenty were saved, eight sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and nine added to the church.

The revival was conducted by Rev. and Sister Herschel Goggins. They are good workers for the Lord. They have special singing and music. They

are wonderful workers in the altar service also.

Brother and Sister Goggins, with the aid of our good pastor, Brother L. E. Talley, have been a great blessing to our church and community.

The revival closed Sunday, August 20, with a great home-coming service with visiting ministers from Birmingham and Marvell as guest speakers of that day. We appreciate our good pastor, Brother Tally; he has been a great blessing to us through the past year. We also appreciate Brother and Sister Goggins, for they have been such a blessing to our church in the revival and we feel that they will be a blessing to any church where they may go. God bless them is our prayer.—H. J. Gandy, clerk.

CLAYTON, Ga.—Brother James Sanders and Sister Lucile Ledford, of Prentiss, N. C., conducted us a revival that was considered the best here in years. The preaching was under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Sisters G. W. Price and Lola Bell Moss played and sang for us. Seventeen testified to being saved, a number sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. These people will be a blessing anywhere.—G. W. Mize, pastor.

ARGURA, N. C.—Praise God for victory. We just closed a two weeks' revival here at our home with Brother James Shinn, of China Grove, N. C., doing the preaching. How the Lord did bless! Eleven were saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and eleven added to the church at Wolf Mountain, which is the nearest church to us. Brother T. L. Willix, pastor.

Please pray for our work here. We have a little Sunday School and Y. P. E. started. Pray that God will make it possible for us to have a church here.—Mrs. H. V. Shelton.

MT. DORA, Fla.—We of the Church of God in Mt. Dora, Fla., are thanking God for sending Brother T. J. Meade, of West Virginia, our way. He has just closed a four weeks' revival with eight saved, five sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Surely all the saints had a new infilling of the Holy Ghost. God was with us in a wonderful way. Brother Meade came to Mt. Dora about ten months ago in answer to the prayers and cries of

God's people here for a pastor who could lead us by the Word of God. The Church is in need of more men who study the Word and can bring it to the people like Brother Meade. We do praise God because He does even more than we are able to ask or think. Everyone please pray for our church here to rise and shine for God.—Mrs. J. M. Haddock, reporter.

PENNINGTON GAP, Va.—A good revival has just closed at Pennington Gap, Va., on Route 1. One was saved and sanctified and the whole community was stirred. Sister Lillie Kinnard was the evangelist. She read the scriptures from her Bible by the sense of touch, for she is almost blind, but Sister Lillie does not let this handicap keep her from the work of the Lord. She also plays music and sings with her little daughter. Anyone wishing to contact Sister Kinnard for a revival write to Lillie Kinnard, Twila, Ky.—Louise Spears, Rt. 1.

OCILLA, Ga.—Our tent revival in Ocilla, Ga., ran five weeks, beginning June 19 and closing July 23, with Rev. J. A. Hipps, of Fitzgerald, Ga., doing the preaching. We had large crowds and everyone seemed to be interested. Brother Hipps did some wonderful preaching. We were also favored to have our esteemed state overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaube, with us July 14, 15. He preached two soul-stirring messages that were greatly enjoyed.

We are glad of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Smith, who have been with us already for two years, and we have called him for the third year to pastor our church. They have been very faithful to us and to the church here. We think we have one of the best in the State of Georgia.

We now have on a building program for a brick veneer church here. Brother Smith is directing our building program, and the brethren are falling in line and cooperating fine. Pray much for us here that we will have a building soon.—Miss Jessie Lee Parker, Y. P. E. president.

NEWBERRY Fla.—We thank the Lord for the good revival at Newberry conducted by Rev. H. B. Braswell. We had wonderful crowds and the Lord surely blessed. Nine were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Pray for us, that God will continue to bless.—J. S. Murphy, pastor.

SENECA, S. C.—We, the Church of God members at Seneca, praise the Lord for a great revival, conducted by Brother Herman Clark, Jr. Fifteen were saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. We raised \$61.58 to send Lighted Pathways to the boys in Service.

Pray for us at Seneca. We are looking for the Lord to give us one of the greatest revivals we have ever had.—W. M. Morgan.

ANDREWS, N. C.—A good revival has just closed at Andrews, N. C. It was wonderful the way the Lord blessed. Brother Speed, of near Franklin, N. C., was the evangelist; he did some good preaching, people were convicted of their sins. Many came to an altar and prayed through to victory. Eight were converted, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and ten added to the church. Everyone said it was the best revival they had ever attended. There is still a good revival spirit in the church. The good brothers and sisters came from the different places and helped in the meeting in singing, praying, and working in the altar. We surely appreciated their cooperation and help.

The meeting closed Sunday night, August 20, with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. My, how the Lord did bless! The offerings were good. Our pastor surely worked hard to make this revival a success, and the Lord rewarded him for all the sacrifices he made. Pray much for Andrews church.—Mrs. Bertha Nichols, clerk.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—Praise the Lord for His goodness and great plan of salvation. We have just closed a good revival at Morristown Church of God in which ten were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church, and the church very much encouraged. The revival was well attended all the way through and many were interested. We feel that the church at Morristown is on the upward move in every respect. The revival was conducted by Brother B. O. Cantrell, of Greenville, S. C. We earnestly covet your prayers that we may stay humble and obey the Lord.—Baxter Bryant, pastor, 609 High St.

If you have had trouble in keeping the grace of God in your heart try keeping your mouth closed.

THE CALL TO EVANGELISM

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stitution, as a home for those who choose, in the light of the Scripture, to come within its pales, the church can not afford a compromise. Her honor must not be forfeited, but to hold the Church in its proper place and to keep it the Church of God depends on how her ministers treat the call from God and how the called meet God's requirements. May each of us as ministers "watch in all things, endure afflictions, make full proof of our ministry." God bless you all.

NUNS VISIT AT U. S. EXPENSE

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is bringing to the United States at the expense of Protestant taxpayers. Can anyone imagine the Governments of Argentina, Portugal, Spain or Italy bringing seventeen Protestant nurses into their countries at the expense of the taxpayers of those countries to study in their hospitals?

And, after all, there is in the United States of America a principle known as the separation of State and Church which, up to now, the Vatican has been forced to recognize—but it looks as though certain citizens in key positions in the State Department feel there is no longer any reason to consider this principle valid when it suits the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States to have them ignore it.

A Pan-American Catholic program financed by taxpayers of the U. S. A. is not exactly calculated to stir enthusiasm among Protestants. Loyola University of Atlanta has just inaugurated an "Institute of Inter-American Affairs." The visit of the nuns is part of a program in process of development for an interchange of visits between Catholic leaders and students of the two continents.—*Scottish Rite News Bulletin*.

MISSION RECEIPTS FOR THIRD QUARTER

Alabama	\$11,105.53
Arizona	447.20
Arkansas	904.43
California	689.17
Colorado	192.44
Connecticut	80.04
Delaware	615.94
District of Columbia	290.83
Florida	10,729.25
Georgia	6,040.50
Idaho	467.24
Illinois	3,952.57

Indiana	819.62
Iowa	1,335.04
Kansas	605.03
Kentucky	4,078.21
Louisiana	1,405.31
Maine	632.03
Maryland	4,130.28
Massachusetts	54.51
Michigan	6,326.36
Minnesota	44.34
Mississippi	2,363.02
Missouri	2,107.80
Montana	807.34
Nebraska	60.14
Nevada	5.00
New Jersey	468.00
New Mexico	338.49
New York	313.54
North Carolina	14,029.84
North Dakota	1,243.42
Ohio	6,154.08
Oklahoma	892.31
Oregon	189.24
Pennsylvania	5,439.29
South Carolina	10,491.50
South Dakota	1,235.78
Tennessee	11,764.55
Texas	2,768.93
Utah	45.00
Virginia	6,242.89
Washington	787.20
West Virginia	12,157.06
Wisconsin	39.88
Wyoming	88.80
Canada:	
Robarts	1.61
Consul, Sask.	6.63
N. Portal	4.03
Canadian Convention	599.26
	(\$95.96 was sent directly to Bahamas from Canada.)

The Touch of His Garment

WALHALLA, S. C.—On returning home one afternoon last summer I found my daughter, Mrs. Raynell Miller, very sick. After prayer she seemed better, but a few minutes later she fell to the floor, seemingly dead. We put her on the bed; her eyes rolled back, her color was deathly, she was lifeless. Oh, how terrible I felt; it seemed the Lord was taking my eldest daughter and she was the only one saved in our home besides me. I pled with God to spare her. The others were also praying. We kept holding on in prayer and her lips began to try to move and life seemed to be coming and she began to whisper, "Praise the Lord." We raised her up, then came awful screams and her hands drawing; she was in terrible pain. I realized that unless God undertook she was hopeless. I was trying to help hold

her up, the other sister was rubbing her hands and arms, and we were all praying. The scripture of the woman pressing through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus' garment came very forcibly to me. I took courage and received more faith. I said, "Yes, Jesus, we are pressing through everything to touch the hem of your garment for the healing of my daughter." Then the power of God fell and made her every whit whole right then and there! All the pain was gone and she sat up in bed praising God for healing her. The Lord spoke to me, "She must work for me if she lives." I said, "Yea, Lord, make it real to her." Not very long afterwards the Lord spoke to her heart to go to Bible School. She went and while there attending school she received a calling to preach. She is now in service for the Lord our King and Healer.—A happy mother, Mrs. Alloe Taylor.

OBITUARIES

HAYES

Fern Hayes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes, of Newtown, Ohio, was born December 9, 1925, and went home to be with Jesus September 6, 1944; age eighteen years, eight months and twenty-eight days. Fern has finished her course; we would not have her back, although her voice was so sweet when she used to sing for us at our Church of God in Milford, Ohio. We know that we shall see Fern in the morning.—Her Sunday School teacher, Sister Virginia Cotting, Newtown, Ohio.

BAUGHN

Sister Zonie Fricks Baughn, a faithful member of Corinth Church of God, Talking Rock, Ga., was called home to be with the Lord July 28, 1944. She was converted early in life, received the Holy Ghost in 1925 and remained faithful until her death.—A. H. Griffin, pastor, Canton, Ga.

MORRIS

Our beloved father died September 26, 1944, at the age of eighty-eight years. Pray for his four children who survive him.—His daughter-in-law, Evie Lee Morris.

The things to be endured are just as necessary in the Christian life for our development as the things we enjoy.

THE GREAT MIDNIGHT CRY

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THEM." When we get offended we lower ourselves to the level of the offender. One of the fruits of the Spirit is that we are—"not easily offended."

And yet this is one of the commonest sins of the church today—speaking abusively of one another and becoming offended one with another, until the poor pastor has no time to visit the lost and discouraged; he is too busy running around with a pacifying bottle. A minister friend, pastoring a large independent Pentecostal church, once told his congregation that he was tempted to hang a sign on the front of his pulpit—"Wet Nurse," "For," he said, "all of my valuable time is taken up nursing the grown-up babies of the church."

I always feel sorry for a pastor who takes a church which has been noted for its past success, but has been going steadily downhill for some time. Frustration, loss of spiritual power and blessing, and self-willed leaders who will rule or ruin, create in such a church a sad, indifferent, quarrelsome spirit. The new preacher preaches his heart out and his moss-covered congregation sits back with scarcely an amen, as much as to say, "Well, now, let's see what this fellow can do. All the others have failed." The poor preacher is setting a table of good foods before a congregation of slumbering SAINTS.

I once asked a cattle owner why his cattle were so full of cockleburs. "Oh," he said, "they have been down in the dry lands through the cold, hard winter. They are long-haired, underfed, cocklebur-covered critters. But spring is coming soon now and we will drive them north into the green pastures; then all the long hairs will fall off, and with them the cockleburs, and the critters will fatten up and look sleek and happy again." So, preacher, if you have a flock of long-haired, underfed, cocklebur-covered critters in your congregation, try to stir up a good old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival in the midst, and when they get to feeding in the green pastures again, the long hair and burs will fall off and they will get sleek and happy and ready for the coming of the Lord.

And in the midst of all this we find preachers who are like the illustration given by the Lord in Matt. 24:45-51. The "faithful and wise servant" is the minister, "whom the Lord hath made

ruler over his household (the Church), to give them meat in due season" (the pure Word of God, feeding them in love and sincerity). "BLESSED is that servant whom his Lord when HE COMETH shall find so doing."

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, MY LORD DELAYETH HIS COMING; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants . . ." I'm afraid we have too many "smiting" servants of the Lord ruling over the Lord's household. If ever in the world the good church people needed messages of comfort, consolation, and love, it is now, and yet many return from church discouraged and grouchy, because the minister is always "beating his fellow servants," not with a club but with words of condemnation. When a minister's message loses its love, it has lost its power to heal.

And we have many church laws, rightly established to guard the sanctity and holiness of the body, but and if the church and its leadership lose its first love, then these very laws, designed to protect the church, become the stumbling block over which mercy and holiness fall. For example, thousands of people are so occupied in un-holy criticism of those fellow Christians who do not observe the exact law of holy dress, that they themselves lose all semblance of holiness in the merciless and loveless criticism of their hearts and mouths.

"And at MIDNIGHT there was a cry made." MIDNIGHT! the midnight hour of earth's sin and sorrow. Its darkest hour of the night! The first World War ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of the year, eleven days after the Turks surrendered, which was eleven months after General Allenby marched into Jerusalem! And many prophetic students have taken this to be a trumpet call of the Lord to the world of the Church, announcing that the eleventh hour had been entered and the midnight hour was fast coming upon us. And surely midnight has settled down over the earth in all of its awful sin, suffering, and sorrow. To Jew, Gentile, and Christian this has been the blackest hour of man's history. It is needless to go into detail, for we are all too familiar with the heathenish, fiendish, animal-like cruelty of the Germans in this war, a supposedly Christian, civilized nation; with the awful slaughter of Jews, greatest in Jewish history; with the unbelievable immor-

ality among our young and old of this nation; of the crusading millions with their false cults and religions; of the godless modernists, leading their gullible church members into hell by the millions; of the unprecedented sorrow and loneliness that has engulfed the entire world. Yes, surely the world's midnight hour is upon it. It is of interest, if nothing else, to note that the invasion of western Europe began on the sixth hour of the sixth day of the sixth month of the year. And in the sixth book of the Bible, sixth chapter, sixth verse, Joshua gave orders that began the fall of Jericho, that city of sinners. It may mean nothing, and it could mean that we are at 6 o'clock of the eleventh hour or of the midnight hour, or half way through it.

"And at midnight there was a cry made, BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH, GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM!" What is the message of the hour? I believe it is a message of consolation, comfort, and exhortation to the saints to hold the fort for He is coming. But any moment, any hour, any day now, I, personally, anticipate a new moving of the Holy Ghost among us, and His message will be, "BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH!" It will be the GREAT MIDNIGHT CRY. It will be a short but great and glorious upheaval of the power of the Holy Spirit, awakening the Church, planting anew that glorious and joyous hope and EXPECTANCY of the very soon coming of the Lord. When the call comes the Lord will come right after it, and only part of the Church will have kept the holy fires of the Holy Spirit burning sufficiently to be ready. Only half of them will have oil. Quickly trim up the old wick of holiness so the light will burn brightly, and be ready for His coming! The last message of the Lord to the churches is His admonition to the Philadelphian church, that great Holy Ghost church of the last days. To them he says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN," Rev. 3:10, 11.

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